

bracketed until that day, whatever it is, then another motion of that kind can be introduced and we can argue ad infinitum. That is an improper use of that term, but I want to get the idea across that we can go from now until the end of time and beyond. Even if somebody would offer a motion to suspend the rules so that there can be no additional amendments offered and we must vote, I already have ten amendments up there on 123, and I can talk at least 44 days on those ten amendments because I can amend those amendments. So if you want to give Senator Conway the opportunity as gatekeeper to open that gate and allow me to charge through, fine. But I think you ought to know in advance what is in store. I'm not trying to conceal what my intent is. My intent is to stop by any means the amending of LB 425 into 123, and if it means doing all I can to use the rest of the session, I'll do it. It is as important to me to stop it as it is for Senator Conway and his cohorts and minions to move it. I think again you should look at the fact that the introducers are the ones asking that this bill be bracketed. We all have our motives for what we do. I'm against 123. I want to make that crystal clear. If I had moved as I did the other day to bracket the bill over the wishes of the introducers and succeeded, then there would be a precedent for doing that. But while we were in the midst of a very, very lengthy detailed debate, I had moved to bracket the bill, was voted down overwhelmingly on that motion. The introducers did not want it bracketed. Now that they want the bill bracketed, I think that their wishes can be complied with in the same way that when a person moves to withdraw a bill prior to a hearing, the Legislature routinely grants that request. The bill as it stands now is not carrying any significant amendments offered by any other person. As a matter of fact, I think I'm the only one who probably got an amendment added on the floor. So the introducers of the bill, the one who had an amendment attached, are all of the same mind, namely that this bill should be bracketed at least as far in the future as Senator Ashford's original motion declares. So what I am saying is that I'm opposed to Senator Conway's bracket motion. If it succeeds, then I will have a flurry of motions to bracket it to other dates certain, so even on that particular score, we can discuss away the rest of today, tomorrow and probably the rest of the week before we get into some amendments of substance. I'm opposed to his motion and I think the better part of wisdom would be for the Legislature to oppose it also.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I'd like